

refused to go to bed with the other babies, earnestly begging them to pray for her that she too might receive the Joy of the Lord.

Now Singongo, the heathen head man, her uncle, was taken sick, and in answer to their prayer restored. "Since the Lord has healed you, what are you going to do for him?" asked Paulina. "Give myself to Him, and ask you to please pray for me that I too may believe and receive God's Holy Spirit" was his answer, and though he has not come to meeting, or given up anything of his heathenism yet, he always joins them in their evening prayers and seems really to be seeking the Lord.

The young man who was blessed on Sunday was drawn to seek through Paulina's influence, as he is a neighbor, often comes to these prayer meetings, and grew hungry for what he saw them enjoying. There are several neighbor girls similarly influenced and blessed, and "The end is not yet, praise the Lord."

Yet, let us join in praise to God, who is giving us the deepest desire of our heart, and let us continue to pray for more and yet greater triumphs of his grace and power.

Yours for souls saved and sanctified,

FAITH SANDERS.

#### USING AND GIVING.

There is quite a distinction between using and giving. In presenting the subject of Christian giving and stewardship, either by preaching or teaching, emphasis is sought by the use of illustrations, and this is right. Two instances are frequently cited, both of which received the direct commendation of our Lord while in the flesh. One of these is that of the widow at the temple, who cast all her living into the treasury. The other is that of Mary, who, at a feast in Bethany given in His honor, brought forth a box or cruse of very precious ointment, probably representing the savings of a lifetime, and poured it upon the head and feet of Jesus in anticipation of His burial.

The question naturally arises in the minds of thoughtful people whether it is the duty of all to give away all they possess in order to be true followers of Christ. It seems to the writer that a distinction should be clearly drawn between giving away all one has, and using all one has for God. We believe that the Word of God clearly teaches that a tenth should be paid into the treasury of the church as a minimum of our obligation. But what remains cannot be used as one may choose.

Every person should recognize the principle of Christian stewardship in which all we have is to be administered for God as strictly and with as careful thought to an accounting to God for its use, as though he were in the employ of some business firm or corporation. We should adopt right standards of living, live simply and in keeping with the Word of God, and then we shall have something left over to give to the work of God above the tenth.—Wesleyan Methodist.

"It is always easier to discuss the duties of others than to do our own."

#### A CHURCH PAPER IN EVERY CHURCH HOME.

A young minister read an article on the importance to the pastor of having a church paper in every home, and was impressed thereby. He set to work at once to test the theory. He solicited subscriptions for the church papers of his denomination, enlarging the circulation of church papers in his group of churches very considerably, so that he got the paper into almost every church home. What had he to tell of the results? His salary had been increased. His church membership had been almost doubled. The churches were prosperous in every way. Their contributions to all the various church causes were very largely increased. He had transformed an unprogressive group of country churches into aggressive, efficient leaders in all types of church work.

He attributed the results very largely to the fact that with the larger circulation of church papers he had co-operation every week from the editors and publishers in all the work that he was doing. The church paper was his assistant pastor. The pastor could call on each family once in three or four months. The church paper made a call each week, and the pastor and the church paper—the assistant pastor—accomplished the results indicated. Yet there are many ministers who do not realize the fearful mistake they make when they permit homes in their congregations to live without church literature. By so doing they reduce the record of their churches in contributions to the various church causes. They prevent the increase of pastors' salaries. They reduce the enthusiasm of the members and handicap the enlargement of the church membership. They lay a heavy burden upon themselves. It is the burden of ignorance in the congregation, ignorance of church interests, ignorance of church progress, ignorance of the church needs, and ignorance of the blessings which are bestowed by the Almighty upon the truly efficient in moral and religious work. The wide-awake pastor should adopt as his slogan, "A Church Paper in Every Church Home."—Wesleyan Methodist.

#### THE GREAT HINDRANCE TO PRAYER.

Satan sentinels the gateway of prayer. Andrew Bonar has left it on record that he never entered into a season of pure prayer without a fierce battle at the threshold. Satan dreads nothing like prayer. He knows he cannot frighten saints with hideous features, nor overcome them by coarse enticement. He stands at the portals of the Holy of Holies as an "angel of light." He does not openly attack, he diverts. The Church that lost its love, was full of good works. (Rev. 2:4). Activities are multiplied, that meditation may be ousted, and organizations are increased, that prayer may have no chance. Souls may be lost in doing good works, as surely as in evil ways. The one concern of Satan is to keep the saints from prayer. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.—Selected.

#### OUR MISSIONARIES.

Matt. 28:20.

Go! with a people's blessing on thee, go!  
A greater love no human heart can know;  
For thee, our fervent prayers ascend.  
May Jacob's God thy precious lives defend.

Although for thee our parting tears may fall—  
For love, as strong as death, can conquer all—

Although soft sympathy her empire holds,  
Bright hope's broad pennon floats in waiving folds.

And songs of praise to Zion's God arise,  
Sweet strains that ring, triumphant to the skies.

The "Corsican," well equipped for service,  
comes,

And faithful hearts go forth from Christian homes

To bear the word of life to darkened souls,  
When cloudy blackness round the region rolls.

Go! Tell the gospel story; raise thy voice;  
And heathen lands shall yet in light rejoice!

Go! plant the glorious standard of the cross,  
And cheer the souls that sit in darkness gross;

Go! build the temple of the Lord most high,  
And snatch from woe thy brother, doomed to die.

Farewell! Ye noble, firm, and trusting band;

For Christ ye leave your loved, your native land;

Be His strong arm your guide, your shield and stay,

And safely keep your souls when far away!

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#### THE TRUTH OF HOLINESS AND YOU.

The truly vital thing about your relationship to Christian Holiness is not that you understand it, nor yet that you endorse it, nor even that you are a defender of it; the truly vital thing about Holiness and you is, do you really have it and do you really demonstrate it in your life.

You may understand it and endorse it and defend it and yet live a million miles from First Corinthians, chapter thirteen.

It is greatly to be desired that you understand the truth of holiness. Likewise that you identify yourself with it and also that you be ready to defend it against its foes, but please do not make that the final test of your right relationship to it. Come now, face the question fairly! Do you truly have that grace that makes you really experience fellowship with the Holy Ghost and do you really practice perfect love to all? Is your defence of holiness done in the spirit of what you defend and will those you have dealings with see in you the full-orbed putting of a glorious royalty of holy character and a pure standard of conduct.

Collateral things are only collateral things. Do not be mistaken here. The thing that is the test of tests is this, do you truly, before God, have the gracious experience now?—Christian Witness.